Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting March 15th 2015, Rome, Italy



Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 15th 2015 at 09:30

Present: (See list of delegates, attached)

ITEM 1 Welcome by the President and definition of formalities

The President, Miriam Kerpan Izak, welcomed all delegates and opened the meeting.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **32** votes from **18** countries in the room (17 votes for simple, 22 votes 2/3 majority).

The President informed the meeting that guests were present and asked for the meeting's approval to them being admitted.

(1) Guests can be present during the GM. Approved unanimously.

ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2014

Bulgaria sent the motion to amend item describing Bettarini entrance in B class. President pointed out that last year the motion was withdrawn, and the delegate from Bulgaria confirmed that they withdraw also this reques.

(2) Minutes from GM 2014 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

The Presidium asked for an amendment of the Agenda - there were no proposals

(3) Agenda was approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 Reports by the Presidium and the Commissioners and Questions to the report

Emilio Pagano presented the consolidated report of Presidium – an overview of the work done in 2014. MKI thanked to all the people and groups who have contributed it the work or WRRC (NJS Workgroups for RR and BW, Expansion project)

There were no questions to the report.

The commissioners have sent their reports in advance. No extra comments were added. There were no additional questions to the reports from Commissioners.

President MKI excused Katerina Tikhonova (KT), who could not attend the General Meeting, and told about her work in the expansion project in the 2014.

Lena Arvidsson expressed a very big thank to the entire Presidium, because finally the things are happening. The Presidium is performing excellent.

Marina Eskolin (ME) presented the end-of-year balance sheet. She explained some items.

Montse Bachmann asked why in the report the judging licences were not mentioned. ME explained that WRRC charges the licenses every 2nd year, so this year they were not included in the budget presentation. MKI – this is because of the single accounting system WRRC uses.

ME explained some details about the new bank account. We had to change the bank, because the old bank could not match all the needs of the WRRC. The account can be opened only in Switzerland because WRRC is situated in Switzerland, and constituted under the rules of the Swiss law. In one month all the papers will be finished. New account will be published on the WRRC Homepage. The old bank account will be closed at the

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end of the year 2015. MKI additionally explained that under the Swiss law we have no tax number, and that is also one of the reasons why WRRC has to keep the bank account in Switzreland

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Gritli Ramschag Wollein presented the report together with Danielle Foug. All books and sheets were correctly done. No mistakes were found. Report of ME is consistent with the facts contained in the financial statement. Due to digitalisation of the documents it is not always possible to get the written receipt, so they recommend the receipt will not be required any more for the travelling expenses

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2014.

ITEM 6 Approval of all reports

(4) Reports were approved unanimously.

ITEM 7 Decisions on the discharging of all organs of the WRRC

(5) Organs were discharged for 2014 unanimously

ITEM 8 Presentation and approval of the budget 2015, including the Presidium Motion to change the fee scale (P01_FeeScale)

New Fee scale was presented day before by MM, and it was shown again on the General Meeting. Katarina Weber (Slovakia) asked if there will be any changes in the tournament fee? MM pointed out that that was already accepted last year, valid from 01.01.2015

- (6) The Fee Scale was accepted, with 2 votes against
 - Membership Fees Annual: 800 €, Extraordinary members 400 €, Provisional member 200 € (valid from 01.01.2016)
 - Registration fee for formations, per person and year (regardless of participation in other categories and divisions) 5 € (valid from 01.01.2015)
 - Starting fee in case of entry occurring after closing date a double starting fee will be charged (valid from 01.01.2015)

The budget has been given to delegates in advance. ME gave some explanations regarding the budget. Also in 2015 we will have expenses connected to the New Judging system, not so much for RR, but for BW. One of the goals of the Presidium is also to get some new sponsors for WRRC and increase the income from marketing Gritli Ramschag Wollein asked why there are no provisions for the World Games in the budget, like before – ME explained that the World Games will take place in Poland, so no additional funds were necessary. Peter Herrmann asked about the income for the CDs. MKI: WRRC will publish two new RR CDs, and the Presidium will find the solution for the copyrights.

(7) Budget 2015 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 9 Report of activities connected with WDSF – WDSF 2020 vision

The President MKI gave a short overview of the activities and efforts to reach the status of the Olympic sport. The only chance that we could achieve that goal is to be part of the WDSF, with our specific disciplines. One other criterion for the International sports federations is also number of the employees – at least 5 to be even considered to be included IOC. Our goal must be having members and competitors from 3 continents.

This year WDSF will take part on the European Masters Games, and WRRC will participate with Boogie Woogie Seniors. Details will be published in due time on the WRRC homepage. French Dance Sport Federation is the partner in this project.

On the World Games 2017 dance sport will be presented with standard, latin, Rock'n'Roll and Salsa. WRRC got the quota of 14 couples, but they must be from 3 continents, and from the WDSF members. We will most

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probably send only one couple from each country, with the priority on 3 continents. The expenses will be lower than before.

WDSF plans to include WRRC to its Workshops. The meeting of the Membership commission will be held in Africa, and WRRC will have lecturers there. We will also send a couple to dance a show on the Grand Slam in China.

Lena Arvidsson asked about the World Dance Sport Games? MKI: at the moment WDSF is trying to find the organizer, but it is not fixed yet. This year there will be no games. If organized, they will be in Asia again

ITEM 10 PRESIDIUM MOTIONS

Presidium motion P02: Confirmation of New WRRC Members:

Motion to confirm the new members accepted by WRRC Presidium from April 2014 to March 2015:

(8) Provisional Membership of **Moldova, South Korea, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Serbia** were confirmed unanimously

Motion to extend the provisional Membership of USA based on the report and request from USARRC, with a direct request to cooperate with USA Dance Federation. Up till now USARRC has presented no couples of the competitions. Fact is, at the moment we do not have any other option. The Presidium will monitor closely the activities of the USARRC.

(9) Provisional Memberships of **USA was** extended unanimously for the period of next 3 years.

Presidium motion P03: Confirmation of New judging system for Boogie Woogie (NJS BW)

Following the published documents Version 1.0 and proposed changes of the rules, Presidium gives the motion to vote on the whole package with amendments as presented on Workshop on Saturday, 14.03.2015. and to start with the NJS in 2016:

(10) confirmed with 7 abstentions, and 2 votes against

Presidium motion P03: Naming the categories and age groups and introduction of a new category RR Dance Show

Katlin Kis and Denis Lilih presented the motion:

| | new name | Age | Duration of dancing | Speed of music (bars/min) | min. number of basic steps | Number of acrobatic figures | Safety level | Number of participants |
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| | Rock'n'Roll Couple Dance Show | min. 16 | Preliminary rounds: 1:00-1:15 | 48-50 | 4 | max 4 | SL 2 | couple |
| | | 111111. 10 | Final: 1:45-2:00 | 40-30 | 6 | max 4 | SL 2 | couple |
| B-Class | CLASSIC ROCK'N'ROLL | min. 14 | 1:30-1:45 | 48-50 | 6 | 5/6 | SL 1 | couple |

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| Main Class | Free Style ROCK'N'ROLL | min. 15 | 1:30-1:45 | 48-50 | 6 | 5/6 | SL 0 | couple | |
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In the following discussion about the new class CDS, KK and DL pointed out that it was the intention to introduce new low level acro-category, but with emphasis on the dancing. There will be no evaluation of the acrobatic figures. It is the adult age group category, that is why the age limit was set to 16 years. That means, that the registered junior couples cannot dance in this category, but the Main and B-Class couples can. There will be only World Cup competitions in this class.

(11) Rock'n'Roll Couple Dance Show category was confirmed with 7 abstentions, and 6 votes against, with start of the competitions in 2016.

In the discussion about the names of the existing RR Main Class and B-Class categories, many of the delegates did not agree with the names proposed by the Presidium, because they could mislead the general public, and because the proposed names do not express the nature and character of those categories.

(12) Presidium withdrew the motion for changing the names of the RR Main Class and B-Class. We will wait for the motions from the members.

ITEM 11 Member Motions

M01 - BULGARIA:

Any organizer of an event within the WRRC shall be responsible for refunding travel expenses to participants and officials in following cases:

- cancellation of a the event less than 3 months prior to the event caused by the organizer;
- changing the date of the event less than 3 months prior to the event caused by the organizer;
- changing the place of the event less than 3 months prior to the event caused by the organizer;

In a short discussion, Manfred Mohab pointed out that change of place does not always mean the real change, it is very much depending on how far the place of the competition has changed.

Bulgaria withdrew the motion

M02/NORWAY

Code of elements is revised one time a year and one time only. The revision must be done after the last WRRC-competition each year and apply from January 1st the following year.

President MKI pointed out that the motion was discussed on the Presidium, and that the Presidium gave his support

(13) Motion was approved unanimously.

M03 - Russia:

Russia proposed introduction of World or European Championship in B-class category, because It might become the best place for newcomers from new WRRC members to present their first couples.

The presenter Marina Kalacheva pointed out that this would be a good preparation for the new couples, because there is not enough motivation to come and compete against the Main Class couples.

(14) Motion was rejected, with 3 votes for, and all other votes against

M03 -

Russia:

Russia withdraw the motion about the Boogie Woogie, because it was already cleared with the NJS for BW

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ITEM 12 ANY OTHER ITEM

- Absence of Presidium member KT: President MKI asked the GM to approve this exception of the Statute of WRRC (Presidium member has to be present on the GM).
- (15) The delegates excused Katerina Tihonova for not being present at GM. The exception was approved unanimously

Next General Meeting:

3 countries were interested. Date: 11-13 march 2016. Presidium will reach the final decision after all the proposals will be sent to the WRRC office.

WRRC CALENDAR: by the Scandinavian laws Sweden cannot organize the European Championship for RR Youth class, just RR Juniors and RR Main Class. Instead of this category, they will organize World Cup RR Couple Dance Show.

The President Miriam Kerpan Izak thanked all delegates and member federations for participation on the General Meeting, and especially the Italian federation for an excellent organisation.

The General meeting was closed at 13:00

Rome, 15.03.2015

Miriam Kerpan Izak WRRC President

WORLD ROCK'N'ROLL CONFEDERATION Miriam Kerpan Izak, President Minutes: Kresimir Bosnar

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WRRC GENERAL MEETING 2015 - ROME LIST OF DELEGATES, OFFICIALS AND GUESTS

| NR. | COUNTRY | FEDERATION | DELEGATE | Function |
|-----|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 | AUSTRIA | Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll Verband | Barbara TESO | Delegate |
| 2 | AUSTRIA | Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll Verband | Manuela HAWELKA | Delegate |
| 3 | BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | Sportski plesni savez BiH | Namik TRUTOVIĆ | Delegate |
| 4 | BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | Sportski plesni savez BiH | Elvir AVDAGIĆ | Delegate |
| 5 | BULGARIA | Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation | Todor PETKOV | Delegate |
| 6 | BULGARIA | Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation | Yavor KUNCHEV | Delegate |
| 7 | CROATIA | Croatian Roc'k'Roll Association | Alan MILETIĆ | Delegate |
| 8 | CROATIA | Croatian Roc'k'Roll Association | lgor VINKOVIĆ | Delegate |
| 9 | CZECH REPUBLIC | Czech National RnR Federation | Jiri HAIS | Delegate |
| 10 | DENMARK | Danish Sportsdance Federation | Katja MIKKELSEN | Delegate |
| 11 | FINLAND | Finnish Dance Sport Federation | Outi PAAVOLA | Delegate |
| 12 | FINLAND | Finnish Dance Sport Federation | Viri PELTOVVORI | Delegate |
| 13 | FRANCE | Fédération Française de Danse | Noune MARTY | Delegate |
| 14 | FRANCE | Fédération Française de Danse | Richard AMAR | Delegate |
| 15 | GERMANY | Deutscher RR und BW Verband | Armin PROSCH | Delegate |
| 16 | GERMANY | Deutscher RR und BW Verband | Peter HERRMANN | Delegate |
| 17 | HUNGARY | Hungarian DanceSport Association | Attila SZAKÁL | Delegate |
| 18 | ITALY | Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva | Sergio ROTARIS | Delegate |
| 19 | ITALY | Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva | Renzo Maoggi | Delegate |
| 20 | LEBANON | LEBANESE DANCE SPORT FEDERATION | Yuliya LUTSENKO HEMADE | Delegate |
| 21 | NORWAY | Norwegian Dance Federation | Tom SKAMO | Delegate |
| 22 | NORWAY | Norwegian Dance Federation | Anne Ragnhild OLSTAD | Delegate |

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| 23 | POLAND | Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union | Bartłomiej KOBYLAŃSKI | Delegate | |
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| 24 | POLAND | Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union | Jacek Tarczyło | Delegate | |
| 25 | RUSSIA | Russian Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll | Natalia PAIVINA | Delegate | |
| 26 | RUSSIA | Russian Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll | Alexey GOLEV | Delegate | |
| 27 | SLOVAKIA | Slovak Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll | Stanislav KOČIŠ | Delegate | |
| 28 | SLOVAKIA | Slovak Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll | Katarina WEBER | Delegate | |
| 29 | SLOVENIA | Plesna Zveza Slovenije | Anita VIHTELIČ | Delegate | |
| 30 | SLOVENIA | Plesna Zveza Slovenije | Boštjan MARINKO | Delegate | |
| 31 | SWEDEN | Swedish Dancesport Federation | Lena ARVIDSON | Delegate | |
| 32 | SWEDEN | Swedish Dancesport Federation | Kenneth NORBELIE | Delegate | |
| 33 | SWEDEN | Swedish Dancesport Federation | Mats Ivarsson | Guest | |
| 34 | SWITZERLAND | Swiss Roc'n'Roll Confederation | Montse BACHMANN | Delegate | |
| 35 | SWITZERLAND | Swiss Roc'n'Roll Confederation | Giuseppe MARANCHELLI | Delegate | |
| 36 | SWITZERLAND | Swiss Roc'n'Roll Confederation | Susi HUBER | Guest | |
| 37 | SWITZERLAND | Swiss Roc'n'Roll Confederation | Angelo CHICCONI | Guest | |
| 38 | RUSSIA | Russian Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll | Marina Kalacheva | Guest, Member of the WRR Expansion Group | |
| 39 | SWITZERLAND | Swiss Roc'n'Roll Confederation | Daniel BACHMANN | WRRC Honoray President | |
| 40 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Miriam KERPAN IZAK | WRRC President | |
| 41 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Denis LILIH | WRRC Sports Director | |
| 42 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Manfred Mohab | WRRC Vice Preisdent | |
| 43 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Katalin KIS | WRRC Vice Preisdent | |
| 44 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Edilio PAGANO | WRRC Vice Preisdent | |
| 45 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Marina ESKOLIN | WRRC Finance Director | |
| 46 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Aina NYGARD | WRRC BW Commisionar | |
| 47 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Robert OBERMEIER | WRRC Formations Commisionar | |

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| 48 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | | WRRC Medical Commisionar |
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| 49 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Gritli WOLLEIN- RAMSCHAG | WRRC Auditor |
| 50 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Danie FUOGG | WRRC Auditor |
| 51 | WRRC | World Rock'n'Roll Confederation | Kresimir BOSNAR | WRRC Office |

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